FINDINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH, STATE OF IDAHO

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes novel Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19") is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.

2. The number of COVID-19 infections reported to Southwest District Health since June 24, 2020, has on most days exceeded 100.

3. The two largest health systems in Canyon County are reporting a significant increase in hospital admissions for patients diagnosed with COVID-19, and they state serious concern for their ability to provide appropriate levels of care for all patients requiring hospital care if this upward trend continues at the current rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED:

1. Individuals not residing within the same household shall maintain at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals whenever possible by limiting the density of persons at events to a minimum of 1 person per 64 square feet of space. Events include but are not limited to concerts and music festivals, rodeos, sporting events, brew fests, and other forms of entertainment.

2. Every person SHOULD wear a face covering that completely covers the person’s nose and mouth when the person is in a public area where physical distancing of at least 6 feet between non-household members is not possible.

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Facial coverings NEED NOT be worn under the following circumstances:

a. Children under the age of 2.

b. Persons with medical conditions, mental health condition, or disability that prevent them from wearing a face covering. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot tolerate wearing a face covering.

c. Persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, or communicating with a person who is deaf and hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

d. Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.

f. Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as they engage in physical distancing.

3. Visits to senior living facilities, the County Jails and state correctional facilities are discouraged when the COVID-19 Health Alert Level in the local community is High (Red) or when there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 that is currently infectious in a resident, patient, employee or inmate. Employees and providers who do interact with residents, patients and inmates should adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene and infection prevention.

DATED this 23rd day of July 2020.

Nikole Zogg, District Director